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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in small rural community just over 60 miles from Portland, Oregon. When my husband and I moved here in 1997 we chose to support the local internet provider. We know both the owners and wanted to support them in their business venture. We have been using gorgenet ever since and now have two accounts. One for my office which also includes telephone and fax service and one at home that my husband also uses for his photo and video business. Broadband is critical to both our businesses.

We chose to stay with gorgenet because it is local and offers the speed of service we require. If the US Telecom petition is approved and the speed of our internet decreases then we will be forced to switch to a national carrier. Please do not take away our choice of provider.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Smale